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# ANNUAL REPORT

— OF THE —

*SELECTMEN*

— AND —

SUPERVISOR,

— OF THE —

## TOWN OF DEXTER,

For Year Ending March 1, 1880.



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DEXTER:  
GAZETTE JOB PRINTING OFFICE.  
1880.



# THE WARRANT.

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## State of Maine.

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TO ELIAS H. WITHAM, CONSTABLE OF THE TOWN OF DEXTER, IN THE COUNTY OF PENOBSCOT, GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Dexter, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the twenty-second day of March instant at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz :

- 1st.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- 2d.—To choose a Town Clerk.
- 3d.—To hear all reports to be made at said meeting.
- 4th.—To choose three or more Selectmen.
- 5th.—To choose three or more Assessors.

- 6th.—To choose three or more Overseers of the Poor.
- 7th.—To choose a Town Treasurer.
- 8th.—To choose a Town Agent.
- 9th.—To choose three Superintending School Committee, or a Supervisor.
- 10th.—To choose a School Agent.
- 11th.—To choose a Collector of Taxes.
- 12th.—To choose all other Town Officers required by law to be chosen at the annual town meeting.
- 13th.—To see if the town will choose three or more persons to enforce town ordinances.
- 14th.—To see how much money the town will raise to pay town charges.
- 15th.—To see how much money the town will raise to support the poor.
- 16th.—To see how much money the town will raise for the support of Schools, and Free High School.
- 17th.—To see how much money the town will raise to purchase School Books and School Material.
- 18th.—To see much the town will raise to make and repair Highways, and how it shall be expended.
- 19th.—To see what method the town will adopt for breaking Highways the ensuing year.
- 20th.—To see what method the town will adopt for carrying on the Town Farm and support of the poor the ensuing year.
- 21st.—To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to let the medical attendance of the poor to the lowest bidder, provided a satisfactory bid is received.
- 22d. —To see how much money the town will raise to pay the debt of the town, or to take any action in regard to the same.
- 23d.—To see if the town will vote to accept a road laid out by the Selectmen, commencing near Charles A. Marsh's house and running through to the Avenue, so called.
- 24th.—To see if the town will vote to tax dogs.
- 25th.—To see if the town will vote to let the Town Hall free of expense for temperance meetings and school exhibition the ensuing year.

- 26th.—To see what action the town will take in regard to paying the Fire Department for services the ensuing year.
- 27th.—To see if the town will give the Selectmen any further instruction relative to removing stone and other rubbish from the highways of the town.
- 28th.—To see if the town will vote to pay Levi C. Morgan two dollars per week for the support of Susan and Catherine Morgan, rather than support them at the town farm.
- 29th.—To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to sell the real estate in Dexter village taxed to David A. Davis or unknown, or what action the town will take thereon.
- 30th.—To see if the town will appropriate twenty-five dollars to defray expenses Memorial Day, as requested by H. F. Safford Post, G. A. R.
- 31st.—To see what action the town will take in regard to the establishment of a Public Library.

You will give notice that the Selectmen will be in session at their office on Saturday, the twentieth day of March instant, from one until three o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Hereof fail not, and have you there this warrant with your doings thereon.

Given under our hands, at Dexter, this tenth day of March, A. D. 1880.

B. F. ELDRIDGE,	} Selectmen
JOHN HAMILTON,	
E. F. COPELAND,	
	of
	Dexter.

# Selectmen's Report.

## HIGHWAYS.

By whom expended.	Summer.	Winter.
L. M. Haseltine.....	\$46 69	\$9 76
L. Young .....	60 40	21 73
B. F. Dunham.....	73 14	14 52
H. W. Randall .....	20 92	16 00
A. B. Fogg .....	29 32	21 23
A. T. Robinson.....	73 68	5 42
J. H. Cobb .....	128 13	15 87
A. S. Farrar.....	47 77	
Wm. N. Lane .....	118 16	13 00
J. M. Farrar .....	81 69	11 27
Oliver Lane.....	44 50	
John Kittredge.....	19 14	8 00
Wm. R. Arno.....	27 18	19 29
M. M. Hersey .....	18 62	8 47
J. Watson.....	54 76	65 58
D. Crockett .....	55 41	20 60
G. D. Blake.....	47 37	2 75
C. M. Page.....	78 99	14 11
G. E. Watson .....	106 56	17 40
L. D. Packard.....	4 35	9 00
S. F. Wheeler .....	45 00	16 82
C. Parkman .....	16 96	9 56
J. C. Crowell.....	59 31	28 24
D. Sampson .....	54 77	15 94
E. G. Libby.....	63 98	18 76
A. Brawn .....	25 98	26 13
F. A. Haseltine .....		9 64
H. O. Merrill.....	50 82	37 93
E. D. Jumper .....	61 62	34 82
J. Brown .....	30 60	17 80
C. M. Pullen.....	25 96	16 35
B. French.....	5 72	25 32
E. W. Eaton .....	67 21	22 62
Wm. Oliver .....	49 64	33 82
R. Nutter .....	75 12	44 72
J. C. Trickey.....	5 70	13 21
H. B. Crowell .....	178 99	14 69
Selectmen.....	1018 09	44 62
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Total.....	\$2972 25	\$724 99
Appropriation .....		\$3697 24
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Balance unexpended.....		\$302 76

## DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

G. B. Clough, medical attendance.....				\$45 00
Town of East Livermore, support of Lafayette Hollowell.....				58 64
L. C. Morgan support of Susan and Catherine Morgan.....				52 00
Simeon Mudgett, medical attendance Wm. Brawn family.....				8 00
L. D. Hayes, support of Wm. Brawn family.....				28 06
W. H. Durgin	do	do		12 00
Jenkins & Hill	do	do		2 00
Maine Insane Hospital, support of Nancy Bridgham .....				40 88
J. W. Kenniston	do	do		95 00
Town of Orneville	do	Abby C. Haynes and children...		44 00
Norrod Hurd	do	do	do	30 00
Town of Greenville	do	Otis Butler .....		17 40
D. F. Rowell	do	do		2 00
Cobb & Moore	do	do		57
Town of Livermore	do	Eliza Hollowell .....		24 10
J. W. Leighton & Son	do	Dexter Esty.....		19 50
Eaton & Sawyer	do	Mrs. Dyer.....		22 00
C. P. McCrillis	do	do		25 00
Moore & Fish	do	do		8 12
H. H. Penley	do	do		1 90
John Hamilton	do	do		4 50
Jones & Brewster	do	do		88
Thomas Bickell	do	do		25
Jenkins & Hill	do	do		1 00
J. W. Leighton & Son	do	do		31 00
C. P. McCrillis	do	Wm. Crocker.....		6 00
W. H. Durgin	do	A. S. Bolton.....		8 00
Eaton & Sawyer	do	H. W. Page.....		10 17
Springall & Co	do	Augusta White.....		6 50
Bridgham & Son	do	do		1 80
Jenkins & Hill	do	Robert Taylor.....		7 12
Josiah B. Lane	do	do		3 38
Thomas Bickell	do	do		20
Jenkins & Hill	do	Samuel Tapley.....		20 05
Josiah B. Lane	do	do		1 87
Timothy Daggett	do	do		3 00
John Hamilton	do	do		3 00
do	do	Levi Ronco.....		9 00
City of Lewiston	do	Sadie Angel.....		55 58
Town of Corinna	do	Alonzo Ireland, wife and child..		35 40
T. A. Chandler	do	Sophia Ellis.....		8 25
N. F. Roberts	do	Mrs. Harvey Lane.....		2 40
J. W. Leighton & Son	do	Joseph Nadeau.....		1 65
do	do	Mrs. Jane Hamilton and child...		3 00
Wm. M. Johnson, burial of Albert Corson.....				4 75
W. A. Bumps, med. att.	do			6 00
Marcena Corson, support	do			3 79
Wm. M. Johnson, burial of paupers.....				8 50
Hamilton & Storer, team to Orneville.....				4 00
do do teams to David Berry's funeral .....				2 50
do do do Sewlel Blake's do .....				3 25
Mrs. Otis Rollins, support of Forest Blake.....				10 00
Jenkins & Hill, do John Buldoc.....				3 00
do do Augustus Lessaux .....				5 91



## DEPARTMENT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR—CONTINUED.

E. M. Tibbetts, coffin, box and robe for David Berry .....	14 00
do do do Sewell Blake .....	15 00
do do do Albert Corson .....	15 50
do coffin for Nickerson child .....	6 00
B. F. Eldridge, expense to Lewiston....	8 00
do do Ornvile .....	2 00
do Ascertaining residence of paupers and bills paid out	15 00
John Hamilton, cash paid out for sundry paupers.....	10 00
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	\$897 87
Balance against the town farm.....	768 72
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Total pauper support for the year.....	\$1666 59
Received from town of Hartland, support of Wm. Brawn.....	50 06
do do Athens, do Albert Corson.....	30 04
do do do do Mrs. Jane Hamilton..	3 00
do do Detroit do Dexter Esty.....	19 50
do do Corinth do A. S. Bolton.....	8 00
Due do Sangerville do Nancy Bridgham ....	298 78
do do St. Albans do paupers .....	15 75
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	\$425 13
Whole amount of pauper support for the year.....	\$1666 59
Deduct amount due and received from other towns .....	425 13
Appropriations .....	1000 00
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Overdrawn .....	\$241 46

## TOWN FARM REPORT.

Paid Sam'l Murphy and wife, for services on the farm.....	\$300 00
for supplies for farm.....	889 83
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	\$1189 83
Received for stock and produce sold.....	\$345 11
“ for care of 31 tramps .....	31 00
“ for board of men on building.....	45 00
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	421 11
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Balance against the farm.....	\$768 72
Stock on hand, more than last year.....	\$103 50
Produce “ do .....	78 99
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	182 49
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	\$586 23
Actual balance against the farm as compared with last year,	158 44

## PRODUCTS OF FARM.

45 tons hay,	571 bushels potatoes,
7 " straw,	115 " turnips,
65½ bushels wheat,	225 " Wurtzel beets,
9½ " beans,	52 " table beets,
9½ " buckwheat,	34 " carrots,
2½ " peas,	1100 lbs. pork.
52 " barley,	

## STOCK ON HAND.

Two oxen, 5 years old .....	\$130 00
Two steers, 2 " .....	75 00
One heifer, 2 " .....	20 00
Two steers, 1 " .....	40 00
One heifer, 1 " .....	12 00
Three cows.....	105 00
One horse .....	100 00
One colt, 1 year old.....	35 00
Twenty-seven sheep.....	175 50
Four swine.....	45 00
Thirty hens.....	15 00
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	\$752 50

## PRODUCE ON HAND.

18 tons hay.....	\$180 00	20 bu. Burbank Seedling	
2½ " straw .....	12 50	potatoes.....	\$16 00
43 bush. wheat.....	86 00	350 bu. Orono potatoes..	87 50
16½ " barley .....	13 20	30 " Early Rose do ...	10 50
5½ " buckwheat .....	4 12	24 " Early Ohio do ...	19 20
7 " beans .....	12 60	4 bbls. soap.....	16 00
3 " seed peas.....	6 00	45 lbs. lard .....	4 50
1½ bbls. flour .....	12 00	35 " butter .....	7 00
1 " vinegar.....	8 00	100 " dried apple .....	4 00
85 lbs. pork.....	8 50	155 bu. carrots and beets .	38 75
15 gals. pickles .....	6 00	26½ " turnips .....	6 62
7 lbs. rolls.....	5 25	2 " corn meal.....	3 00
4 " yarn.....	4 00	375 lbs shorts.....	5 62
Sled stock .....	4 00		
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	\$362 17		\$218 69
			362 17
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			\$580 86

Also 52 cords of wood prepared for stoves.

Received for surplus products, and included in the amount of produce sold:

From dairy—Butter .....	\$ 8 50
Veal.....	7 00
Cheese .....	26 93
Beef.....	34 11

## PRODUCE ON HAND—CONTINUED.

From sheep—Wool.....	31 70
Lambs.....	35 25
From hens—Eggs.....	21 40
Poultry.....	18 66
From hogs—Pork.....	40 94
Pigs.....	29 53
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	\$254 02

## POOR AT THE FARM.

Whole number, five, as follows:

William Sturtevant,  
Lucian Jose,  
John S. Bates,  
Mrs. Jane Grover,  
Mrs. Ward Safford.

Mrs. Abby C. Haynes and three children were admitted March 28, 1879.

John S. Bates was admitted July 8, 1879.

Mrs. Deborah Bridge was admitted October 31, 1879.

Mrs. Abby C. Haynes and three children were discharged June 19, 1879.

Forest Blake was discharged September 12, 1879.

Mrs. Deborah Bridge was discharged February 10, 1880.

David Berry died April 20, 1879.

Sewell Blake died May 25, 1879.

## TOWN FARM BUILDING REPORT.

Paid Hiram E. Hatch as per contract.....	\$468 00
do repairing.....	52 00
E. B. Fifield, painting.....	12 00
Eldridge Bros., building material.....	27 00
for labor, digging and building cellar.....	60 00
for moving buildings and repairs.....	175 00
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	\$794 00
Appropriation.....	300 00
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Overdrawn.....	\$494 00

On account of the low price of farm products, especially potatoes, of which there is a large supply on hand, the running expenses of the farm show an increase over those of last year, of \$158 44. It will be noticed that the sale of the farm products, for this reason, has been small. We consider it but justice to Mr. Murphy to say, that in consequence of building and the general disturbance made upon the farm during the past season, much of his time has of necessity been taken up in the labor of constructing the cellar, moving old building, etc., and for this reason it has been necessary to employ more help. In the foregoing report we have not given Mr. Murphy any undeserved credit. This is the fifth year that Mr. Murphy and wife have had charge of the farm, and the results accomplished by them

## TOWN FARM BUILDING REPORT—CONTINUED.

speak with more force than anything that can be said by us. The condition that the farm must be in, as shown by the large crops of hay and other products raised, will be too well understood by the town to require any further comments from us.

So much for the farm. Now as to the building: your Selectmen were not able to give to the town, at the last annual election, any definite information of what was wanted as to repairing or building new any portion of the buildings. The consequence was, therefore, that only \$300 was appropriated for the purpose. Upon examination, one of two things, in our judgment, had to be done; either to do nothing with the money raised, or exceed the amount in the erection of a new building. Something had got to be done with the old building and the matter could not be long delayed. We therefore decided to move the old ell part away for a new house, and build a new ell, with celler (which was much needed), and which the town would have to had done, sooner or later.

We now have a good building, especially adapted to the wants of the inmates, and considering the low price of all building material the past year, and the increase of late, your Selectmen cannot but feel well satisfied with the outlay.

## TOWN CHARGES.

Allen Merrill, abatements, 1875.....	\$	14	56
do do 1876.....		56	56
do do 1877.....		54	89
do do 1878.....		96	27
do percentage for collecting, 1878.....		335	49
Robbing & Herring, printing town reports...		38	00
Wm. P. Thompson, care of Town Hall.....		17	00
Willard B. Goff, do .....		85	00
Paul Lambert, damage to crops on school house lot, 1877.....		5	00
B. C. Thompson, damage by water in 1875, as per referees.....		37	50
Geo. W. Goff and others, witness fees in Thompson case .....		5	00
E. F. Harvey, legal services in Susan Richardson case.....		10	00
E. F. Page & Co., settlement of suit for damage to hose, 1876.....		97	00
Making new road in Mt. Pleasant cemetery .....		17	00
Robbins & Herring, printing.....		2	50
M. F. Herring, do .....		2	20
B. F. Eldridge, postage, stationery and small bills.....		24	66
Bridgham & Son, stationery.....		1	70
Springall & Co., stationery.....		2	48
Willard B. Goff, shingling hearse house.....		4	19
Eaton & Sawyer, shingles for hearse house.....		6	25
John Hamilton, wood for Town Hall.....		21	00
C. M. Sawyer, do do .....		15	00
Reuben Flanders, do do .....		3	00
Willard B. Goff, repairs, Town Hall.....		4	65
Eldridge Bros., setting glass do .....		6	27
Richard Nutter, mowing machine, town farm.....		65	00

## TOWN CHARGES—CONTINUED.

George H. Bailey, repairing hearse,.....	1 25
Wm. M. Johnson, labor in Mt. Pleasant cemetery.....	4 75
Jenkins & Hill, oil, etc., Town Hall,.....	25 54
Geo. Hamilton, making deeds.....	5 00
Geo. E. Farmer, repairing slate on Town Hall.....	1 75
“ “ services as Constable.....	10 00
B. F. Mills, do do .....	12 00
E. H. Witham, do do .....	12 65
Allen Merrill, do do .....	5 00
Willard B. Goff, do do .....	7 50
do do watchman.....	25 00
Josiah Crosby, legal services .....	81 00
Hiram Carr, services as Town Agent.....	5 00
J. S. Richards, do Supervisor of schools .....	137 50
A. H. Knight, do School Agent.....	25 00
Hiram Bassett, do Town Treasurer.....	50 00
Levi Bridgham, do Town Clerk.....	15 00
Paid for copying returns for State valuation.....	10 00
R. O. Robbins, chairs for Town Hall .....	8 00
E. F. Copeland, services as Selectman.....	90 00
John Hamilton, do do .....	85 00
B. F. Eldridge, do do .....	100 00
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	\$1745 11
Appropriation.....	2000 00
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Balance unexpended.....	\$254 89

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Engine Co's as per vote of town.....	\$300 00
Willard B. Goff, care of Engine No. 1.....	15 00
B. L. Rowell, “ “ No. 2.....	15 00
J. D. Maxfield, “ force pump .....	10 00
J. H. Fitzgerald, “ hook and ladder carriage.....	10 00
B. F. Stearns, services as Chief Engineer.....	10 00
“ “ “ Fire Warden.....	16 75
Daniel Doloff “ “ “ .....	10 00
B. F. Stearns, repairs, Engine House.....	4 35
Willard B. Goff “ “ “ .....	5 00
E. C. Andrews “ Engine No. 3 .....	4 00
Fassett & Stearns, repairs, Hose Carriage.....	7 25
N. Dustin & Co., Spanners for Engine Co's ...	9 00
“ “ repairs for Engine Co's.....	4 90
Cyrus Foss, repairs for Force pump .....	60
Springall & Co., Alcohol and Arnica for Engines .....	10 08
Bridgham & Son, “ “ “ .....	75
Robbins & Herring, printing for Engine Co's.....	3 25
B. F. Stearns, making boxes for Reservoirs.....	9 00
“ “ repairing reservoirs .....	2 00
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	\$146 93

## TOWN HALL.

Received and paid into town treasury for Hall rent.....	\$212 00
Paid John Hamilton, wood for Hall .....	21 00
C. M. Sawyer,       "       " .....	15 00
Reuben Flanders   "       " .....	3 00
Jenkins & Hill, Oil, &c. " .....	25 54
Willard B. Goff, care of Hall.....	85 00
William P. Thomson, care of Hall .....	17 00
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	\$166 54
Balance above expenses.....	<hr/>
	\$45 46

## SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Highways.....	\$3697 24
Support of the Poor.....	1241 46
Town Charges, including bills of former years .....	1745 11
Fire department.....	446 93
Support of Schools.....	3371 86
High School.....	1030 00
Town Farm building .....	794 00
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	\$12,326 60

## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Funded debt Due April 1, 1885, 6 per cent.....	\$4000 00
Ann L. Katen, given April 26, 1878, 4½ per cent .....	300 00
Samuel Abbott,       June 1, 1878,       do .....	450 00
Samuel F. Marble,   July 1, 1878,       do .....	1500 00
Nancy M. Palmer,   July 20, 1878,       do .....	350 00
Mary W. Katen,       April 26, 1878,       do .....	300 00
Obed Foss,           July 1, 1878,       do .....	300 00
Alice E. Foss,       May 13, 1878,       do .....	1000 00
Samuel Morrill,     July 20, 1878,       do .....	1300 00
Roxana Knowles     May 4, 1878,       do .....	450 00
Susan B. Brann,     May 31, 1878,       do .....	600 00
Geo. C. Ryan,       April 26, 1878,       do .....	1000 00
Clara Bickford,     July 8, 1878,       do .....	1000 00
E. R. Sanborn,       May 25, 1878,       do .....	500 00
Isabel Morrill,     June 4, 1878,       do .....	172 00
Ella True,           July 8, 1878,       do .....	125 00
Mary F. Leighton,   May 22, 1878,       do .....	527 50
Mrs. Catherine Frost, April 1, 1879,       do .....	300 00
Emma S. Katen,       April 1, 1879,       do .....	200 00
John Q. Whittemore, April 1, 1879,       do .....	100 00
Roxana Knowles,     April 1, 1879,       do .....	100 00
Lucy A. Nutter,     April 1, 1879,       do .....	250 00
Attie L. Nutter,     April 1, 1879,       do .....	100 00
Josiah Chandler,     April 16, 1879,       do .....	350 00
Charles Ellms,       April 16, 1879,       do .....	500 00
John Dutton,       May 10, 1879,       do .....	150 00
Rebecca Dutton,     May 10, 1879,       do .....	450 00
Due Town Schools.....	60 30

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\$16,434 80

## RESOURCES.

One hundred shares Dexter & Newport R. R. Stock.....	\$7500 00
Cash in Treasury .....	900 76
Cash in hands of Collector less percentage.....	2953 27
Due from other towns for support of paupers .....	314 53
Due from grass sold Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. ....	3 60
<b>Total resources .....</b>	<b>\$11,672 16</b>
<b>Total indebtedness of the town March 1, 1879 .....</b>	<b>\$6719 53</b>
“ “ “ “ “ 1, 1880.....	4762 64
Reduction of town indebtedness during the year .....	1956 89
Overdrawn from appropriations during the year .....	177 81

## APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

Support of Schools .....	\$3000
Support of Poor.....	1500
Town Charges.....	2000
Highways.....	4000

Respectfully submitted as the financial standing of the town March 1, 1880,  
and the expenditures for one year.

B. F. ELDRIDGE,	} SELECTMEN OF DEXTER.
JOHN HAMILTON,	
E. F. COPELAND,	

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## Town Treasurer's Report.

TOWN OF DEXTER.

IN ACCT WITH H. BASSETT, TREAS.

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Amount in Treasury commencement of the year.....	\$1280 95
do in hands of collector....	3370 29
do do do bal. 1877 .....	350 00
do tax bills committed to Merrill, collector.....	12066 29
do interest on R. R. stock.....	600 00
do interest on school fund.....	163 50
do loan through selectmen . ....	2400 00
do State high school fund.....	334 31
do State common school fund .....	351 90
do State mill tax . . . . .	809 70
do town proportion R. R. tax .....	8 00
do town high school tuition ...	83 06
do town hall rent.....	212 00
do received from St. Albans....	28 00
do do Detroit.....	19 50
do do Corinth .....	8 00
do do Athens....	33 04
do do Hartland.....	50 06

## TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

Amount received back, paid on R. R. coupons .....	96 00
do do from Mrs. Geo. A. Haynes .....	3 50
do do from Charles B. Bates estate .....	3 00
do do circus licence .....	25 00
do do lots sold in cemetery ....	90 00
do do grass sold in cemetery .....	3 60
do do from Hiram Page .....	2 25
do do cow sold .....	20 00
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	\$22,375 59

## DR.

To paid on orders drawn .....	\$12873 70
paid on town debts .....	600 00
paid interest on town debts .....	347 00
paid tem. loan at bank .....	700 00
paid on funded debt .....	3200 00
paid interest on funded debt .....	405 00
non-resident tax, St. Albans '78 & '79 ....	5 63
amount uncollected non-resident tax ....	18 00
in hands of collector 1877 .....	350 00
do do 1879 .....	2953 27
in non-resident tax deed .....	22 23
amount in hands of Treasurer .....	900 76
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	\$22,375 59

HIRAM BASSETT, TREASURER.

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## Report of the School Agent.

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## HIGH SCHOOL.

To amount due at commencement of the year .....	\$220 46
“ received from the State .....	334 31
“ “ for tuitions .....	83 06
“ from Town appropriations .....	392 17
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	\$1030 00
By amount paid teachers' salaries .....	\$1030 00

## COMMON SCHOOLS.

Amount of town appropriations, including \$200 raised for books .	\$3200 00
Less amount taken for High School .....	392 17
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	\$2807 83
Amount received from the State .....	1160 70
Interest on Town School Fund ....	160 00
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	\$4128 53



## REPORT OF SCHOOL AGENT—CONTINUED.

Expended as follows:		
Amount overdrawn last year .....	696 37	
Paid Union District in Corinna .....	50 60	
Teachers (including board) .....	2412 20	
for cleaning and care of school rooms .....	106 30	
for repairs, &c.....	251 25	
for fuel.....	267 20	
for outline maps.....	71 00	
for printing and advertising.....	18 50	
for school books and material.....	194 81	\$4068 23
Balance unexpended.....		\$60 30
Value of books and material on hand .....		\$186 12
“ maps on hand .....		71 00
Value of books, maps, &c., on hand .....		\$257 12

A. H. KNIGHT, SCHOOL AGENT.

March 1, 1880.

## Report of the Treasurer of Trustees of Dexter School Fund.

Whole amount of fund .....	\$2689 47
Invested at follows:	
Town of Dexter Bonds.....	\$1900 00
do Corinna do .....	600 00
John & Hiram Morgan's note.....	30 00
Deposited in Dexter Savings Bank .....	159 47
	<u>\$2689 47</u>

Interest amounting to \$163 50 has been collected and paid into the Town Treasury.

GEO. HAMILTON, TREASURER.

## Report of the Chief Engineer of Fire Department.

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TO THE SELECTMEN OF DEXTER:

Gentlemen:—The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department asks leave to submit the following report, for the municipal year ending March 1st 1880. Viz:

### BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

B. F. Stearns, Chief ; Dan'l Dolloff, Jr., 1st Ass't; Sam'l Eldridge, 2d Ass't.

### FIRES AND ALARMS.

There has been, during the year, one fire and one alarm. August 25th an alarm was given at 10 A. M., which proved to be the buildings owned by Henry Safford, one mile out of the village, on the Garland road, and occupied by Wm. Brawn. Help was sent for at the village, and the engines started and went part way, when the men learned they could get no water; they went on and did what they could, but the fire was under such headway that the buildings were destroyed. Loss, \$500; no insurance. The fire originated from a barrell of ashes kept in the shed.

August 30th an alarm of fire was sounded at 5½ P. M., caused by the burning of a brush pile at John Herring's, on Spring street. The engines were promptly on hand.

### ENGINES.

EAGLE No. 1. Number of men, 35; engine was made by L. Button & Son, Waterford, N. Y., in 1876. Diameter of cylinder, 9 inches; length of suction hose, 30 feet; length of leading hose, 550 feet; of 2½ in. diameter, rubber lined and in good condition.

TIGER No. 2. Number of men, 35; engine built by L. Button & Son, Waterford, N. Y., in 1876. Diameter of cylinder, 9 inches; length of suction hose 30 feet; length of leading hose, 550 feet; of 2½ in. diameter, rubber lined and in good condition.

EAGLE No. 3. Number of boys, 35; engine was built by Hunneman & Co., Boston, in 1837. Diameter of cylinder, 5 inches; length of suction hose, 24 feet; length of leading hose, 600 feet; linen, in fair condition.

TIGER No. 4. Well manned at Spooner's mills. Built by Hunneman & Co., Boston. Diameter of cylinder, 6 inches; length of suction hose, 24 feet; length of leading hose, 700 feet—400 feet of linen, 2 inches in diameter, in fair condition, and 300 feet of leather hose, in poor condition.

## REPORT OF CHIEF ENGINEER—CONTINUED .

EUREKA, No. 5. *Independent Hose*. Number of men, 10; carriage new; 700 feet of 2-in linen hose, in good condition.

UNION HOOK AND LADDER No. 1. Number of men, 20; the hooks and ladders are in good condition; carriage nearly new, built by Bailey & Elder in 1874; besides a number of smaller ladders, the company have two of Smith's patent extension ladders—one of 40 feet and the other 60 feet—made by Joseph S. Smith, of Bangor.

## RESERVOIRS.

There are five reservoirs, all in good condition. I would recommend the building of another on High street, near the corner, by the residence of Mr. Collins. Also recommend the town to pay the members of the Fire Department \$3.00 each.

The following is the valuation of the company's and the town property of the Dexter Fire Department:

Company property, .....	\$1524 60
Town property, .....	9750 27
Total, .....	<hr/> \$11,274 87

In conclusion, I would say that the Fire Department of the town has ever been prompt to respond to all alarms, and the year 1880 finds the department in good condition.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

B. F. STEARNS, CHIEF ENGINEER.

Dexter, March 5th, 1880.

# Assessors' Department.

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Value of Resident Real Estate .....	\$544,450
do Resident Personal Estate .....	278,085
do Non-resident Real Estate .....	37,975
do Non-resident Personal Estate .....	1,355

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Total .....	\$861,865
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No. of Polls, 615. \$3 00 on poll.

Percentage, 18 6-10 mills.

Sum assessed State Tax .....	\$4033 97
Sum assessed County Tax .....	1885 45
Sum assessed Town tax .....	11200 00
Overlayings authorized by law .....	830 29

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Total .....	\$17,949 71
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# Report of Supervisor.

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## FELLOW CITIZENS :

Another year has passed and it again becomes my duty to note the progress of our schools during the year, and report to you their general condition.

This I do with pleasure, finding that I can congratulate you upon their present standing, and the general success with which the several terms have been attended during the year. There have been sixteen schools, each enjoying three terms, excepting Nos. 2 and 12, and to this cursory notice of them I call your attention :

NO. 1. (in part) School house in Corinna, and the school under the supervision of that town. Two long terms and good instruction furnished. Our scholars in this school have more than ordinary advantages.

NO. 2. First term suspended. Only five or six scholars would have attended, and they were provided for in No. 8. and at West Garland. The remaining two terms were very successful.

NO. 3. Under the same faithful and hard-working teacher during the year. Good progress was made. Improvement in reading was very noticeable, though still needed.

NO. 4. First term, phonetic spelling was quite satisfactorily taught, and the school enjoyed other advantages in an excellent teacher. In all the three terms there was excellent instruction by which the school profited. This school excels in penmanship and drawing, as did Miss Ireland's school last year.

NO. 5. Has also been eminently successful, this year. The last two terms were taught by a young but energetic and thorough teacher, who has steadily grown in popularity with the district. Her examinations at the close of the year gave evidence that very thorough work had been done—a sure way to success.

NO. 7. Has enjoyed good instruction during the year and made good progress. The "advanced and diligent scholars" of last year were in attendance, making this a very pleasant school. During the last term, the kindness of the teacher shown in doing too much of the pupils' work, was not to their advantage.

NO. 8. A small and easy school. The same teacher throughout the year, who has been faithful and her efforts successful.

NO. 9. The first two terms by its old teacher, a resident of the district, with her usual good success. The winter term by a young man without experience, but evidently not without tact and ability. His watchful care over the school-room and all the town's property, indoors and out, may well be imitated by some teachers longer in the business.

NO. 10. Teachers here have worked hard and conscientiously and fair progress has been made; though the scholar has not been so completely successful as last year. During the first term a request was received to dismiss the teacher, accompanied, however, with no specific charge against her. On investigation the complaint was shown to be illy founded, and the demand for removal was not sustained by the district at large. Accordingly the same teacher was retained the second term, and no trouble occurred. The winter term was taught by an inexperienced teacher, but a young man of much promise and one who gave quite general satisfaction.

More harmony of feeling in this district, and more concert of action would, in my opinion, have been to the advantage of the school during the entire year; and had the teacher of whom complaint was made, been more judicious in her *modes* of punishment, the machinery might have moved with less friction.

NO. 11. A new teacher each term and each has done well. The work of the year has been very satisfactorily accomplished. Yet this school is backward, for which there is no valid excuse. Its pupils must be more earnest, faithful and laborious students if they expect to compete with their fellow townsmen in learning.

NO. 12. Two terms—spring and fall—aggregating eighteen weeks. This school is small and its scholars quite young, yet no where have they learned to read and spell faster than here, especially during the second term. The winter term was suspended with the consent of the district, because the few scholars who would attend could be accommodated elsewhere.

### THE VILLAGE SCHOOLS.

High, Grammar, two Intermediate and two Primary, have all been carried on with eminent success. In Primary No. 2, improvement has been very marked. A prize for the best written or printed work in the Primary department, was carried off by Miss Belle Crossland, who, though formerly of the upper Primary, has been this year a member of this school.

PRIMARY No. 1, has been ably and successfully managed. Both these schools are now large and it will probably be found advisable to re-open Primary No. 3 another year.

INTERMEDIATE No. 1 is doing well under its present efficient teacher; but let her take care that her school does not go over too much surface at the expense of thorough work. I think a danger of this kind is manifest here which did not show itself in her last school. Let the work of the primary department be well done before scholars attempt anything belonging to a higher grade.

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL has been under the same efficient management as last year. It is in excellent condition and doing its work in a very successful manner.

OUR HIGH SCHOOL. This, too, has had the same instruction as last year. Upon more thorough acquaintance, entire confidence has been established between the principal and his pupils; and with the revised course of study, the school has been even more successful than last year.

By request the Principal has written a brief report of his school which will be of universal interest.

### MR. HILL'S REPORT.

Report and statistics of the High School for the year ending March, 1880.

Whole number during the year 93, average number 65. Spring term 78, average 72; fall term 65, average 60; winter term 51, average 46; present (spring) term 79.

Number preparing for college 3; pursuing foreign languages 18; pursuing sciences 48.

There are two courses of study, the "English Course," and "College Course," each of four years. Two years ago a system of grading was undertaken, and at present there are three classes regularly arranged and pursuing the courses. To unclassified scholars a study diploma (so called) is awarded on the completing of any study. These diplomas are designed to show when such scholars have completed the course.

Since the courses have been adopted one has graduated and received a diploma. Two will be ready to graduate at the close of the present term



The length of the school year is thirty weeks, a time too short for successfully doing the work prescribed.

A High School Prize Fund of \$20 00 annually has been subscribed by citizens of the town, which is divided and awarded for excellence in scholarship, composition, declamation and reading.

The school apparatus consists of a good, full library of school books furnished by the town, some philosophical apparatus, including a good air pump, electric machine, etc., chemicals—lately put in—physiological charts, etc. A year ago a fund was established from proceeds of exhibition and entertainments for the purpose of obtaining necessary apparatus. There has been received into this fund (including proceeds from High School Course of Entertainments), the sum of \$69 50, of which amount about \$27 00 have been expended.

The above is a condensed report of the condition of the school at present. To those who are interested to know about the methods of instruction and the principles of government, a cordial invitation is given to visit the school.

Respectfully submitted,

JERE M. HILL, PRINCIPAL.

Attention is called, also, to the following statistical table of the schools taken together, by a careful study of which parents and all interested will readily see where improvement may be made :

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of Dist.	Teachers Employed.	Wages per week.			Scholars in the dist	Whole No. in school.	Avg. No. in school.	Cases of tardiness.	Cases of dismissal.	Visits by citizens.
		Spring	Fall.	Winter.						
2	{ Ella A. Jennings, .....	\$ ...	4 50	....	28	15	10	28	16	None reported, do
3	{ Ezra Roberts, .....	....	....	6 50						
3	Abbie W. Buxton, .....	5 50	5 50	6 00	21	17	9	33	.	do
4	{ Ella J. Mower, .....	5 50	....	....	35	22	12	132	21	1
5	{ Addie E. Ireland, .....	....	5 50	6 00	16	15	9	33	8	10
5	Alma E. Farrar, .....	4 50	4 50	6 00	22	21	14	33	7	10
7	{ Fannie L. Dearth, ....	5 50	5 50	....	17	15	10	32	5	2
7	{ M. Lizzie Haskell, .....	....	....	6 00	37	27	14	46	22	10
8	Alice M. Smart, .....	5 00	5 00	6 00	41	33	23	64	24	33
9	{ Lettie Daggett, .....	5 50	5 50	....						
9	{ R. Wallace Nutter, .....	....	....	6 00	27	27	17	60	13	7
10	{ Fannie L Brackett, .....	5 50	5 50	....						
10	{ Frank K. Shaw, .....	....	....	6 50						
11	{ Addie Ireland, .....	5 50	....	....						
11	{ M. Lizzie Haskell, .....	....	5 50	....						
11	{ Elmer H. Dearth, .....	....	....	6 50						
12	{ Nellie L. Martin, .....	4 00	....	....	9	9	7	22	..	20
12	{ Josephine Mower, .....	....	4 00	....						
VILLAGE SCHOOLS.						Highest Reported.				
Prim.	Pr. No. 1. M. Lizzie Bailey, ....	6 25	6 50	7 00	515	65	53	295	95	151
	Pr. No. 2. { Lydia B. Weymouth, .....	6 25	....	....		70	60	84	31	49
Int.	{ Nellie Leighton, ....	....	6 50	7 00						
	Int. No. 1. { Bessie W. Nutter, ....	6 25	....	....		48	44	112	60	7
	{ Clara E. Marble, ....	....	6 50	7 00						
	Int. No. 2. { Clara E. Marble, ....	6 25	....	....		25	22	52	14	16
Gram.	{ Lydia B. Weymouth, .....	....	6 50	7 00						
	Grammar. Lucia E. Weymouth, ..	10 00	10 00	10 00		50	42	15	4	70
High.	{ Jere M. Hill, .....	25 00	25 00	25 00		93	60	442	306	214
	{ M. J. C. Thompson, ..	10 00	10 00	8 00						

It will be seen that only 71 per cent. of our scholars are being profited by the schools. Parents need to take more pains to have their children attend. There is also a want of punctuality in some schools which parents can assist in correcting; and in some districts there is a mournful lack of interest on the part of the parents, as shown by their never visiting the school room. See, for example, district No. 4; notice also some of our village schools in this respect; there is great room for improvement in the High school.

Thus, while your Supervisor is much gratified with the progress of the schools in general, and has already congratulated you upon their present condition, he has not failed, as you observe, to faithfully point out where there is evident room for improvement, looking for his reward, not in thanks from delinquents, but provoking to good works, in the future improvement of the schools.

#### SCHOOL BOOKS.

For these an appropriation of \$200 was made, which sum your Supervisor has endeavored to expend as in his judgment seemed best. This sum for our 550 scholars in actual attendance, amounts to about 36cts. per capita—a sum ridiculously small with which to expect to keep a boy in school books and material for a whole year. Let parents furnish books directly to their children, and the cost would be on an average, five times as much. Bearing this in mind, you will not consider your appropriation which has served us this year, as recklessly squandered. Books have been borrowed from one school to another, and in every way made as useful as possible. Many of the Geographies in use were so worn out as to require new ones, and your Supervisor, deeming a change in that book to be advisable, has introduced Warren's new work—an exchange which every teacher will pronounce beneficial to the school. Moreover, more money has been realized from the old books exchanged, than they could possibly be worth to the town for any further wear. This would be found to be the case with the Readers now in use, which it would be well to exchange for a new series.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS, ESTIMATES, &c.

Your Supervisor can see no way in which reduction can be made in the expenses of our schools. The most rigid economy has been practiced during the past year, and I think I can already see the evil effects of the reduction in teachers' wages, in that our best teachers are looking elsewhere for employment. Two-thirds of the usual aid for a Free High School was received, and sufficient of the town's appropriation applied,

to continue our high school during the year. That cannot be successfully run with less money. The State aid may or may not be given this year, therefore for the ensuing year, your Supervisor recommends that there be raised,

For the support of common schools,	\$2500.
For text books and apparatus,	500.
For a Free High School,	1000.

It being understood that if \$500 be received from the State, that amount be carried into the contingent fund of the treasury for town charges. (This last recommendation might be modified by the action of the legislature upon the Free High School bill.) Your Supervisor would also recommend an appropriation for remodeling and refitting the school rooms under the Town Hall. These rooms should never have been used for this purpose, since the schools are so frequently interrupted by noise overhead. But if they must be occupied by schools, I recommend : 1st That they be entirely disconnected from the hall, or from any rear passage to the hall. To see the teacher and school waiting upon the doorstep in the morning until the key can be hunted up among the several who may be at that time in bed making up sleep lost by the preceeding night's revelry, and who are responsible for the return of the borrowed key ; or to see the school room unceremoniously used for a dressing room regardless of the unprotected public and private property it contains, is a good argument for this. 2d—In some way to admit more light into the rooms. The present lack of light is positively damaging to the eyesight of the scholars. 3d—To re-arrange the seats and desks, setting them at right angles to their present position, that the best use may be made of the light admitted. In order to do all this, I would respectfully suggest that there be but one entrance to these rooms from the street—double doors admitting to a wide hall which should extend across the entire building, and the school rooms opening into this hall. Then let the hall be divided three-fourths its length by a partition, and it would furnish ample room for the hats and coats of the scholars. Let the space one side of the hall be divided into two school rooms, the other made into one, accomodating three schools. The scholars that naturally attend here, need three teachers; and as they attend about six years before going to the Grammer school, to make three schools, giving each teacher two classes (a two years' course), is the best arrangement I can devise. If this be tried, I hazard the opinion that all interested will be more than satisfied with the result.

## CONCLUSION.

Here, fellow citizens, I submit to you my report, and return to your hands the trust of Supervisor of schools. How well I have executed that which was committed to me, I leave others to judge. I can only say I have conscientiously tried to do what I thought best, seeking counsel often of those whom I thought could advise. I at first accepted the honor you conferred upon me with hesitation, distrusting my ability to execute acceptably the duties it involved. In resigning it again into your hands, I do so with grateful acknowledgement of your forbearance with my mistakes, and of the very general sympathy and co-operation which I have received from you.

The acceptance of this report by you will close my connection with your schools. I should not feel justified in accepting the office of Supervisor, with its duties and responsibilities, another year, should you desire me to do so; but while taking my leave, I may say that I have become strongly attached to our schools and their interests, and shall watch them in the future with a kindly regard. My opinion as to the best kind of school supervision is the same as last year (see last year's report), but in providing for it, you will do as seems best to you. Again thanking the many who have so cheerfully rendered sympathy, counsel and aid, I beg that you will overlook my mistakes since I can assure you again that they have been errors of the head rather than the heart.

J. S. RICHARDS, SUPERVISOR.

